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FOR: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR ENABLING A USER TO SUBSCRIBE TO UPDATES FROM INFORMATION SOURCES

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

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Further to the Supplemental Appeal Brief, filed March 29, 2006, and in light of the fax received from the Examiner on May 24, 2006, Applicants submit the following for entry by the Examiner as an Examiner's amendment.

1. (Proposed Amendment) A system for enabling a system user to request a subscription of at least one non-web document from at least one database, comprising:

subscription requesting means for enabling a user to request a subscription of at least one non-web document from at least one database, the subscription requesting means including a selection formula, wherein the selection formula is programmed by the user, the selection formula including search criteria corresponding to the subscription, wherein the search criteria identify information to be searched for and presented to the user at various intervals ~~without additional user intervention;~~

subscription parameter receiving means for receiving at least one subscription parameter from the user that refines the information identified by the search criteria, wherein the at least one subscription parameter indicates a type of information to retrieve;

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search performing means for performing a search of the at least one database for information matching the subscription at one or more of the various intervals without user intervention;

subscription retrieving means for retrieving the information matching the subscription; and

subscription notification means for notifying the user of the result matched and retrieved information.

6. (Proposed Amendment) A system for enabling a system user to request a subscription of at least one non-web document from at least one database, comprising:

a subscription requesting object that enables a user to request a subscription of at least one non-web document from at least one database, the subscription requesting object including a selection formula, wherein the selection formula is programmed by the user, the selection formula including search criteria corresponding to the subscription, wherein the search criteria identify information to be searched for and presented to the user at various intervals without additional user intervention;

a subscription parameter receiving object that receives at least one subscription parameter from the user that refines the information identified by the search criteria, wherein the subscription parameter indicates a type of information to retrieve;

a search performing object that performs a search of the at least one database for information matching the subscription at one or more of the various intervals without user intervention;

a subscription retrieving object that retrieves the information matching the subscription; and

subscription notification means for notifying the user of the result matched and retrieved information.

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11. (Proposed Amendment) A method for enabling a system user to request a subscription of at least one non-web document from at least one database, comprising the steps of:

requesting a subscription for at least one non-web document from at least one database, wherein the request includes a selection formula programmed by a user, the selection formula including search criteria corresponding to the subscription, wherein the search criteria identify information to be searched for and presented to the user at various intervals ~~without additional user intervention~~;

receiving at least one subscription parameter from the user that refines the information identified by the search criteria, wherein the at least one subscription parameter indicates a type of information to be retrieved;

performing a search of the at least one database for information matching the subscription at one or more of the various intervals without user intervention;

retrieving the information matching the subscription; and

notifying the user of the result matched and retrieved information.

16. (Proposed Amendment) A processor readable medium having processor readable code embodied therein for enabling a system user to request a subscription of at least one non-web document from at least one database, comprising:

subscription requesting processor readable code for causing a processor to request a subscription of at least one non-web document from at least one database, the subscription requesting processor readable code including a selection formula programmed by a user, the selection formula including search criteria corresponding to the subscription, wherein the search criteria identify information to be searched for and presented to the user at various intervals ~~without additional user intervention~~;

subscription parameter receiving processor readable code for causing a processor to receive at least one subscription parameter from the user that refines the information identified by the search criteria, wherein the at least one subscription parameter indicates a type of information to retrieve;

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search performing processor readable code for causing a processor to perform a search of the at least one database for information matching the subscription at one or more of the various intervals without user intervention;

information retrieving processor readable code for causing a processor to retrieve the information matching the subscription; and

subscription notifying processor readable code for causing a processor to notify the user of the result matched-and retrieved information.

37. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A method for enabling a system user to request a subscription of at least one document from at least one database, comprising the steps of:

enabling a user to input a selection formula, said selection formula including search criteria corresponding to a subscription, wherein said search criteria identify information to be searched for and presented to the user at various intervals without additional user intervention that refines the information identified by the search criteria;

performing a search in said at least one database to identify the information corresponding to said search criteria of said selection formula;

retrieving said identified information; and

presenting said retrieved information to the user.

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Applicant has hereby provided the Examiner with an electronic copy of the claims reflecting the amendment proposed by the Examiner. If the changes above are not accurate in reflecting the amendment proposed by the Examiner please contact the undersigned at the phone number provided. If the changes above are accurate, please enter the amendments to the independent claims presented above as an Examiner's Amendment. Thank you for your time and assistance in this matter.

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